US pressure on Indo-Japan Computer deal

2229. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn *to* the news item which appeared in the Statesman of 15th September, 1986 under the caption 'Japan under US pressure on computer deal'; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that US has requested Japan to impose tough restrictions on the sale of meteorological computers to India;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to counter US pressure on Japan and 6btain computer for the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir, One of the leading Japanese economic dailies, Nihon Keizai Shimbun, has reported that "Japan was under US pressure to be careful in deciding to export super computers to India and ensure that high technologies involved in such transactions did not find their way to the Soviet Union".

(b) Apart from the news item, there was no official communication from the concerned Government indicating any such imposition.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Power projects of West Bengal pending for the approval of Planning Commission

2230. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what are the power projects of West Bengal which have been approved, those which have not been approved by the Planning Commission and the reasons for their non-approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM); The approved and on-going projects are given in Statement-I *(See* below). The details of projects proposed by the State Government but not approved by Planning Commission and the reasons for their non-approval are given in Statement-II.

Statement I

Approved & on-going Projects

	Name of Project	Capacity (MW)
1	Durgapur Projects Ltd's 6th Unit	1 X 110
2	Kolaghat Thermal Power Station-Stage I	3 X 210
3	Rammam Stage II (HEP)	4 X 12.5
4	Kolaghat T.P.S. Stage-II	3 X 210
5	Fazi Augmentation	1·2
6	Rinchingron Augmentation	1·0
7	Teesta Canal Stage I to IV	3 X 3 X 7·5
	Central Projects	
1	Farakka—State I (NTPC)	3 X 200
2	Farakka—Stage II (NTPC)	2 X 500
3	Mejia TPS	3 X 210
4	Maithon Gas Turbines	3 X 30